



Visit the Indiana State Library

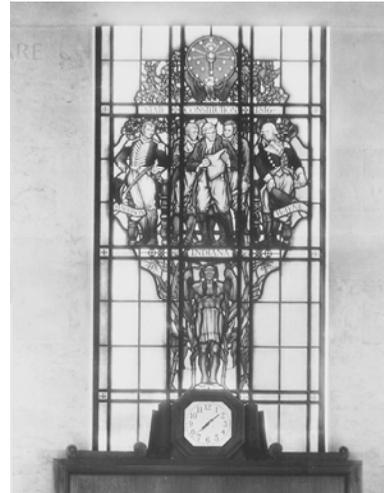
Everyone is welcome to visit the State Library! Staff are available to assist patrons with their research questions. Librarians with expertise in a variety of fields are on hand to provide guidance and information.

Arrange for a class, club, department, or organization to visit the Indiana State Library. Staff can provide tours geared toward the needs of the group and can assist the group in preparing for a research visit.

To arrange a tour or research visit for a group call 317-232-3699 or e-mail dlipp@library.in.gov

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Collections and Services



Answering Indiana's
questions since 1825!

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Your Indiana State Library

The Indiana State Library was established in 1825 to provide library services to Indiana's state governmental officials and employees. Since that time, its responsibilities have expanded to provide services to all citizens of Indiana, including special populations such as the blind and visually impaired, to collect and preserve all types of information about the state of Indiana, to support the development of the library profession, and to strengthen the services of all libraries within Indiana.

The magnificent limestone building housing the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau was dedicated in 1934. Within the building are beautiful stained glass windows, colorful murals, walnut-paneled walls, brass accents, and woodcarvings. The building is a showcase in itself, a beautiful example of early 1930s American architecture constructed with Indiana limestone, sandstone, and walnut.

In 1976, an addition to the building provided much-needed space for the expansion of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Archives, both of which were then located in the Indiana State Library building. With the construction of the new building of the Indiana Historical Society and the move of the Indiana State Archives in the late 1990s, a massive renovation of the entire building was undertaken to improve the space for use by the public.

Today the Indiana State Library houses the vast collections of its many divisions, with over two million volumes and three million manuscripts, as well as thousands of maps, federal documents, microfilm, and more. Its particular strengths are in the areas of genealogy, Indiana history and culture, American history, federal publications and Indiana state documents, statistical data from a variety of sources, library science, and its collections of Braille, large print, and recorded books for people with a visual or physical disability. In addition, the Indiana State Library provides a wide variety of computer databases and electronic resources which reach beyond the boundaries of Indiana into the world. The services of the Library Development Office provide support and assistance to hundreds of libraries throughout Indiana. It is a remarkable library, with research collections for use by anyone who visits.

The staff of the Indiana State Library believes deeply in the future of Indiana; libraries have an essential role to play in that future. The staff encourages you to visit Indiana's State Library located in downtown Indianapolis or to access its valuable resources through its Web site, <http://library.in.gov>.

Collections and Services of the State Library

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The Indiana State Library was founded in 1825. Since then, it has developed into one of Indiana's most diverse libraries, with specialized collections in the areas of:

- Federal documents
- Braille, audio books, and large print books
- Indiana state documents
- Genealogy and family history
- Statistical information about Indiana and the USA
- Indiana newspapers
- Manuscripts, personal papers, and photographs of Hoosiers
- American history and politics
- Indiana history and current events, people, and places
- Indiana Academy of Science

Genealogy Division

Includes published and unpublished resources relating to family history. Emphasis is on Indiana and bordering states as well as eastern and southern states. The collection, which does not circulate, includes:

- Family and local histories
- Population censuses
- Electronic records & databases
- Indiana statewide marriage index up to 1850
- Military and pension information
- Passenger lists
- Research guides; name origin and heraldry references
- Indexes, abstracts, or copies of courthouse/vital records

Indiana Division

Provides reference service on all aspects of Indiana. Collects and maintains print and non-print materials documenting all areas of Indiana and its people. The collection, much of which does not circulate, includes:

- Maps and atlases
- State laws, 1816 - present
- Indiana newspapers, 1804 - present
- Histories, biographies, magazines, journals
- Manuscripts, broadsides, and photographs
- Clipping files
- State agency reports and publications
- Online databases and exhibitions

Indiana State Data Center

A cooperative service between the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Indiana, coordinated by the State Library, the Indiana Business Research Center, and the Indiana Department of Commerce. Services include:

- Demographic and economic statistics from the Census Bureau & other federal agencies
- Access to Indiana state agencies' statistics on social data including crime, welfare, birth and death rates, mortality, etc.
- Access to redistricting software that creates geographic redistricting for political entities, schools, counties, and more
- Information and technical assistance through a network of 60 Data Center affiliates located in Indiana

Library Development Office

Supports the improvement and development of library services to all Indiana citizens and provides consultation services on all aspects of library operation for public and institutional libraries and board members. Services include:

- Distribution of federal funds from LSTA
- Overseeing compliance with public library standards and compiling relevant data
- Consulting on public library finance, administration, planning, and buildings
- Public librarian certification
- Distance education by satellite & video
- Internet discussion groups for librarians

Reference & Government Services Division

Maintains non-fiction collections for use by legislators, state officials & employees, libraries, and state residents. Manages interlibrary loan activities of the State Library, as well as the federal documents depository program. Provides assistance in all subject areas, including:

- American history
- Federal government publications
- Politics and government
- Environment
- Economics and business
- Public policy and management
- Library and information science

Talking Book & Braille Library

Maintains and circulates a free book and magazine collection for thousands of Hoosiers who are blind or have a physical disability that prevents them from reading standard print. Media types include: Braille, large print, cassette tapes, and special media magazines. Additional services include:

- Summer reading program for juvenile patrons
- *Hoosier Highlights* newsletter
- Reference assistance
- Support and assistance to the three Indiana sub-regional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped